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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing you to urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

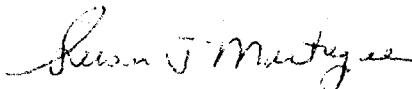
As you know, the USDA announced last year that it would stop purchasing meat from downed cattle for use in federal programs.

It is impossible to move downed cattle humanely; instead, they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, causing injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and ligaments. And recent evidence shows that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease), a condition that is linked to a fatal illness in humans.

Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1.

Thank you for your anticipated attention to my above concerns.

Sincerely,



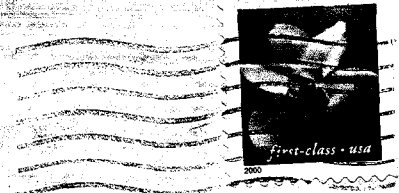
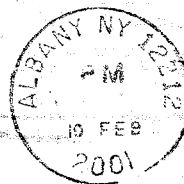
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